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Dear Mr. Ritchie:

I have been involved in agriculture all of my life and have never been more disappointed about government bureaucrats than now. I testified at one Cal Fed hearing and attended several others. Now I see the letter you are sending in response to those asking for an extension of time in submitting comments to the latest 6,500 plus page documents. It is obvious you did not care what was written or said at the hearings and it is very clear you want no further public input because you have your mind made up.

The short time allowed for review of thousands of pages and your letter stating you have no use for further public input makes it very clear the entire process is on a fast track to accomplish political agendas rather than solve real life problems. You modified the original proposal and now submit something different than was reviewed at the hearings. The final result will be something no one could review because you will do whatever you want regardless of what is written.

Taking farm land out of production without economic or environmental impact reviews, removing options for control of resources from local individuals and agencies, spending millions of taxpayer dollars without proper public input, is bad government and wrong. You still have chance to correct this injustice.

Sincerely,



GEORGE J. GOMES

cc: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
Governor Gray Davis
Congressman Doug Ose
State Senator Deborah Ortiz
Assemblyman Dave Cox